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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are negotiating for purchase of Jet Trainer `Hawk` aircraft from Britain;

(b) if so, whether in England itself, such aircraft have been declared obsolete;

(c) if so, the reasons as to why the Government are negotiating for the same; and

(d) if not, the delivery schedule of the A.J.T. and the stage at which the matter stands at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Certain airframe designs, especially, the trainer aircraft ones do not get outdated for considerable periods and also lend themselves to periodic upgrades to retain their effectiveness. Unless the training philosophy undergoes a change, the Hawk design would remain relevant.

(d) Negotiations on all relevant issues are in progress with M/s British Aerospace Systems, UK.The delivery schedule will also be negotiated.